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SUBJ: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL
WHALING COMMISSION

REF: STATE 115803

1. EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED TO MR. E.A. PURNELL-WEBB THE INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO IWC MEETING IN LONDON IN JUNE. PURNELL-WEBB HAS REPLACED DR. A. BOLLEN, WHO HAS RETIRED.
2. PURNELL-WEBB IS REQUIRED TO BE IN ROME PRIOR TO IWC MEETINGS AND WOULD FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TRANSIT WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO ROME. HE WILL ARRIVE IN ROME ABOUT JUNE 6-7TH FOR FISHERIES MEETINGS WHICH LAST THROUGH JUNE 16, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL PROCEED TO LONDON, ARRIVING NIGHT OF JUNE 18. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LONDON JUNE 19 AND 20, IF THIS WOULD BE CONVENIENT TIME FOR PRE-IWC-MEETING DISCUSSIONS. HE THEN WILL BE IN CAMBRIDGE FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 22 AND 23D, RETURNING TO LONDON JUNE 24, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD AGAIN BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 26 OPENING.

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3. PURNELL-WEBB EXPRESSED REGRET HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL BY WAY OF WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A MEETING WITHIN THE SCHEDULE SET FORTH

ABOVE. HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY ADVISE HIM IF MEETING WITHIN

ABOVE SCHEDULE IS NOT POSSIBLE, AS HE WOULD THEN EXPLORE
FURTHER THE VERY THIN POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
WAY OF PROCEEDING THROUGH WASHINGTON EN ROUTE TO TOME.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION REPORTED ABOVE, PURNELL-WEBB
ADVISED EMBASSY THAT CABLE RECEIVED STATING THAT DR. WILLIAM
ARON HAS INVITED AUSTRALIAN REP TO SEATTLE MEETING NOW TAKING
PLACE, DR. K. RADWAY ALAN, TO PASS THROUGH WASHINGTON FOR
DISCUSSIONS ON WAY TO EUROPE. DR. ALAN HAS ADVISED
AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES AUTHORITIES THAT HE COULD SPEND MAY 29
IN WASHINGTON, AND PURNELL-WEBB HAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS
MIGHT PROVE A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE TO SUGGESTED
DISCUSSIONS WITH HIMSELF. PLEASE ADVISE.
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